

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The bottom of the support 931 is connected to the horizontal driver 935 moving on a rail member 934 in the direction of an arrow AR2. The transport arm 938 moving upwardly/downwardly in the direction of an arrow AR1 parallel to the Z axis is attached to the support 931. As shown in Fig. 10, the transport arm 938 is movable back and forth in the direction of an arrow AR3, and can support the FOUP 980 at its leading edge 938a (Fig. 10 [[11]]). As described, the transport robot moves the FOUP 980 in the respective directions of the arrows AR1 to AR3 while supporting the FOUP 980 at the leading edge 983a thereof.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The FOUP will be described. Fig. 2 is an external view, in perspective, of the FOUP. The FOUP 80 has an enclosure 81 and a flange 82 formed on the top portion of the enclosure 81. The FOUP 80 is held suspended with the flange 82 being grasped by a holding mechanism not shown. A cover 83 is provided on one surface (or a surface as seen in the direction of an arrow AR5 of Fig. 2) of the enclosure 81, and has a lock mechanism for locking the enclosure 81. Functioning the lock mechanism, with the cover 83 attached to the enclosure 81, secures the cover 83 to the enclosure 81 to provide a closed space enclosed in the enclosure 81. Releasing the lock mechanism allows the cover 83 to be removed from the enclosure 81. With the cover 83 removed from the enclosure 81 to open the FOUP 80, substrates may be removed out of and inserted into the enclosure 81. For example, 25 or 13 substrates are respectively stored in the enclosure 81 in the horizontal direction.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 4, each of the shelves 121 has its bottom vertically connected to the cylinder 127 to be moved upwardly/downwardly via movable parts 128 (128a to 128e) a movable part 128 which is extensible at least by the length equal to or greater than the height of the FOUNP 80. Therefore, the amount of vertical displacement of each of the shelves 121 is set to be at least equal to or greater than the height of the FOUNP 80, i.e., substantially equal to the interval among the shelves 111 in the vertical direction.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The first preferred embodiment has described that the plurality of shelves 111 of the first receiving section 110 are fixed to the partition 155 and the plurality of shelves 121 of the second receiving section 120 are moved in the vertical direction by the cylinders 127 to create the space 129, thereby ensuring the transport path AR6, however, the present invention is not limited thereto, but the shelves 111 of the first receiving section 110 may be made movable in the vertical direction with respect to the shelves 121 of the second receiving section 120 [[210]] to create a space for ensuring a transport path.